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MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST

HAPPY HOMES FOR THE MILLIONS

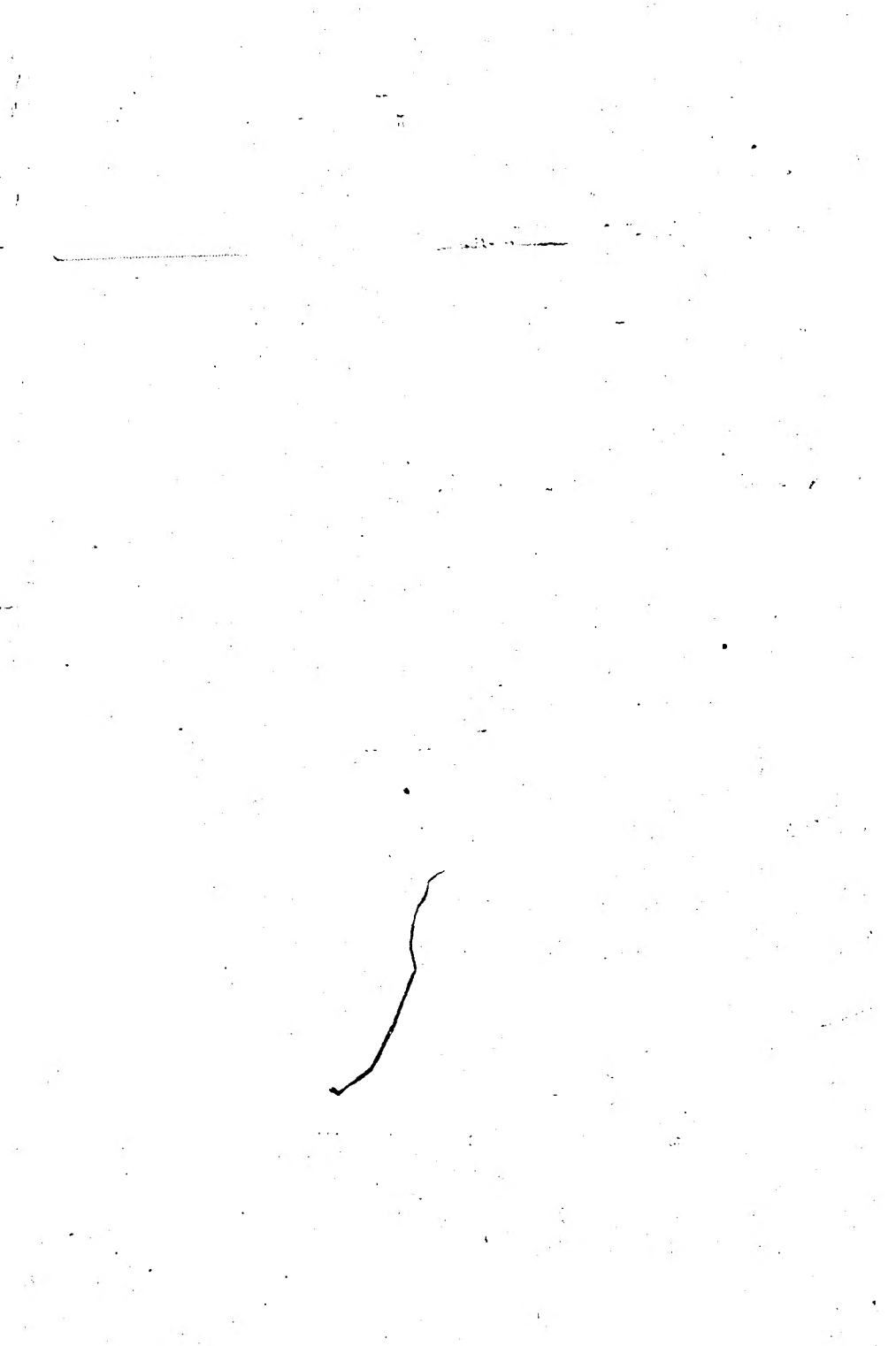
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FACTS FROM ACTUAL SETTLERS.

WHAT THE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN
THERE SAY.



MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

SETTLERS' OPINIONS.

(From the Winnipeg Daily Sun, May 12.)

Some time ago the SUN sent a circular to representative settlers in various parts of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories asking a series of questions regarding their experience and opinions of the country. To-night we publish the first instalment of replies. It is to be noted that, almost without an exception, these settlers speak hopefully about the country and its prospects. There are very few Jeremiahs in this new world. The present settlers are all practical men who can speak with authority on farming and pioneer life in the Northwest. They like the country. The average period of their residence here is about two-and-a-half years. None of them own less than 160, and some of them more than 1,000 acres of land. They all report the soil to be rich in quality, not excelled anywhere. All kinds of grain and roots are successfully raised here. Wheat yields from 30 to 40 bushels to the acre—nearly double the average yield in the United States—oats 60 to 80, and barley 40 bushels to the acre. One correspondent says that the Northwest produces anything that can be grown in Ontario, and that he is experimenting with fall wheat this year with every prospect of success. The soil produces roots and vegetables abundantly. The unanimous testimony of these men is that this is one of the best countries in the world for farming. Even now in the rough condition of pioneer experience, they compare their present circumstances favorably with their former homes. Few of them complain of the rigors of the climate, and all of them think that men of some means, good health, and who are not too old and have the power of adapting themselves to the new conditions of life in this country, will do well by coming here to settle. It is evident that unhealthy men, lazy men, worthless men, useless men, are not wanted here any more than in the east. We want farmers to take up the land and cultivate the soil. Of these we cannot have too many. For tradesmen there is only a limited supply of labor. For shop-keepers and professional men we have no good places now. But for farmers who have enough capital to buy their supplies and keep them for one year there is an unlimited field which needs to be occupied, in order that our country may make progress. Any kind of immigrants are not wanted. The men who can develop this country are skilful, industrious farmers. It is likely that for the next few years, men who can plow, team, harvest grain and make hay, will find employment in all settled parts of this new country. Their wages will be much better here than in Britain or the eastern provinces.

None are better qualified to express an opinion on the climate of the Northwest than those who live here. The actual experience of one man who lives here is worth more than the opinions or theories of one thousand men who live abroad. The almost unanimous testimony of our correspondents is in praise of the climate. It is as healthy as any in the world and

they like it better than where they came from—whether the eastern provinces or the Old World. And they almost unanimously recommend their friends to come here and settle.

Regarding fruit culture a variety of opinions are expressed. Our correspondents are of the opinion that all the smaller fruits can be as successfully raised in the Northwest as in any part of Canada. A goodly number believe that the hardier kinds of apples can be raised here. The experiment has never been properly tried. It will probably be some years before our farmers devote much attention to this important matter, but, when they do so, there is every reason to believe that they will meet with encouraging success.

The immigration this year is something enormous. The country is being rapidly settled up. Now is the time for the residents of older countries to seize a golden opportunity for bettering their condition. We have here, in the language of Prof. Goldwin Smith, a "land of immeasurable promise." The rich prairie soil has but to be tickled to yield up its wealth. The climate, as one correspondent says, is "invigorating, inspiring and inviting." It cannot be excelled. The cold winter soon succumbs to the warm blush of spring. Even at this early date seeding is well advanced. Those most entitled to be heard say this is the farmers' paradise. Drawbacks there may be, but they are merely temporary. With such a soil, with such resources, and with such vigorous pioneers, the future of the great land is assured.

THE QUESTIONS.

- Residence (township and county) ;
- Number of acres held (homestead and pre-emption) ;
- Number of acres broken and buildings erected ;
- Number of years residence in Manitoba or N. W. ;
- Quality of land in locality ;
- Your opinion of the country as a home for farmers ;
- How does it compare with former home ?
- Crops raised last year ;
- Average yield of different cereals per acre ;
- Crops best adapted to the country ;
- Possibilities of fruit culture ;
- Experience of climate ;
- Would you advise your friends to settle here ?



PROGRESS OF THE COUNTRY.

W. D. Reesor, of section 32, range 2, township 11, has been in the country two years, owns 960 acres, of which 290 are broken. He has erected five houses, three granaries and a straw stable.

Olve Christiansen, of the parish of St. Peters, Lisgar, came to Manitoba fifteen years ago, and now owns seventy three acres of land, of which he has only broken fourteen acres. He has built a house and barn.

Hugh Lockhart, section 12, township 3, range 12 (Preston post office), has been in Manitoba four years. He owns a homestead and pre-emption, of which he has 60 acres broken. Erected three buildings.

A resident of section 24, township 3, range 12, who neglects to send his name, came to the prairie province four years ago, took up 320 acres, 60 of which he has cultivated, and has erected a house, granary and stable.

W. H. Davis, of township 1, range 12, Rock Lake county, has been here three years, holds 320 acres, and has broken 43 acres. He has built himself a house, stable, granary, etc.

W. G. Alcock, of township 10, range 13, Milbourne, Norfolk county, has been in Manitoba 14 years, owns 480 acres, 160 of which are cultivated. He has erected dwelling, stable and granary.

Henry McQuade, postmaster, of Prairie Grove, (township 10, range 4, county Provencher) rejoices in eleven years residence in Manitoba; owns 160 acres, 27 of which are broken. He has a house, granary, and stabling for 40 head of cattle.

John Mooney, of Milford, (section 20, township 7, range 16, Cypress County) came here three years ago, took up 320 acres, broke up 70 acres and put up house, barn, and stables for 20 head of cattle.

George W. Playfair, warden of Argyle, who lives in township 5, range 13, county of Rock Lake, owns 8,000 acres, 800 of which are cultivated. He has put up 30 dwellings and a similar number of out-houses, and thinks that it is not a bad showing for three years residence.

William Cox, of Millford, township 7, range 15, took up 320 acres three years ago, and has since then broken 110 acres and erected a house, stable and granary.

John L. Logil, of Gladstone, began life on the boundless prairie six years ago, and since then purchased 320 acres of land, but being a storekeeper, he does not cultivate it.

George Hunt, of Poplar Point, Assiniboine, during the past five years, has obtained 260 acres of land, 60 of which he has broken, and erected a house, granary and stables.

Edward Cook, postmaster of Newdale, (section 30, township 15, range 20), came west three years ago, took up 320 acres, cultivated 75 acres, put up a house 26x45, a granary 20x26, and two stables 25x50.

David Dick, Moline post office, Minnedosa, came here four years ago, took up 320 acres, broke up 40, erected a house, granary and three stables.

C. T. C. McCorquodale, of Minnowashta, Hamilton county, has been in the country six years, owns 320 acres, 36 of which are cultivated, and has erected a house and stable.

James Rawson, of Alexandria, (tp. 2, r. 6) South Dufferin, has broken 100 acres out of 520 owned, and put up a house, granary and stable: been here six years.

John Lapointe, of township 4, range 1, has been a citizen of Manitoba since 1879, and has put up a house and granary, and cultivated 35 acres out of 320 taken up.

S. W. Chambers, of Birtle, (tp. 16, range 27), during his four years' residence has cultivated 150 out of 320 acres taken up, and also erected a house, stable, barn and granary.

Martin Shipley, Wavy Bank post office, Victoria, municipality of Rockwood, county of Lisgar, has been here ten years, cultivated 50 of the 320 acres taken up, and put up a house, stable and granary.

James H. Wood, section 4, tp. 17, range 26, Birtle, owns 320 acres, 30 of which are cultivated; has a house, barn, stable, etc., and been there four years.

James McGhee, of Blake post office, Westbourne, within two years has cultivated 30 of the 320 acres taken up, and erected six buildings.

John McKiver, Greenwood, Lisgar county, homesteaded 160 acres, 55 of which he has cultivated, besides putting up house and stable. He has been here 11 years.

R. Rollins, of township 2, range 12, Rock Lake county, came west three years ago, took up a homestead and pre-emption, but subsequently had it cancelled.

Stephen Thompson, township 12, range 10, Marquette, three years ago, homesteaded 160 acres, 30 of which he has since cultivated, and erected house, granary and stable.

George H. Chatfield, township 17, range 3, three years ago took up a homestead, and since then has succeeded in breaking up two acres and put up a house, and stables for 50 cattle.

John McMullen, of Foxton post office, Dundas, Lisgar, came west four years ago, took up a homestead, broke up 13 acres, put up a house, two stables, a milk house, and dug two never failing wells.

Kenneth McKenzie, Burnside, Portage la Prairie county, was the first white settler west of the present town of Portage la Prairie. He did not homestead or pre-empt, but purchased several thousand acres from the original inhabitants, 600 acres of which he has cultivated; also erected houses, barns, granaries, etc.

Joseph Daniels, postmaster of Moosomin, came to Manitoba a year ago, took up 320 acres, cultivated 10 and put up a house and two stables.

George C. Wilde, of Morris county, after nine years' residence in the Northwest has secured 960 acres of land, of which he has 200 acres broken; has erected house and barn, the latter 48x48.

W. A. Farmer, of Headingly, has 140 acres broken out of 833 held; has house, stable, etc., and has resided here thirteen years.

Wm. Wagner, M. P. P., Ossowo, Woodlands, came west twelve years ago, erected dwelling house, granary, stables, etc., secured 1000 acres of land and cultivated 100 acres.

J. A. Millan, Woodlands, owns 160 acres; cultivated 35 acres; erected dwelling house, stables, etc., and has been in the country ten years.

J. B. White, of the "Whitehaven farm," section 27, tp. 3, range 1, owns 320 acres, of which 160 are cultivated; put up two-story dwelling 18x26, stable, granary, etc.

Henry Proctor, Woodlands, after ten years' residence, has broken 60 acres of the 640 owned and erected stables for 100 head of cattle.

W. F. Scanto, postmaster, Virden, came out one year ago and took up 320 acres, but has not cultivated any yet.

S. F. Hampton, Rapid City, Minnedosa, after four years' residence, has cultivated 85 of the 320 acres taken up, and put up dwelling, granary, storehouse and stable.

W. R. Sutherland, of St. Andrews, a native of the place, owns 195 acres, of which 30 are broken, has five buildings.

Thomas Carter, Woodlands, owns 180 acres, of which 40 are broken; erected house, granary and three stables; been there three years.

James Agnew, township 10, county Brandon, homesteaded 160 acres; broke up two acres and put up shanty; been in country two years.

Thomas Oliver, Burnside; lived here six years; owns 320 acres, of which 100 are cultivated; erected house, granary and stables.

John Stinson, of Carberry, has been in Manitoba two years; owns 640 acres, and two houses, large granaries and stabling.

W. J. Brown, Pomeroy, North Dufferin; has broken 130 acres of 500 owned, and erected a log house, granary and stables. He has been in the country five years, with his three sons. They have all homesteaded, and have happy and comfortable homes.

Robert Nelson, Birtle (township 17, range 25, Shoal Lake), after a residence of three years, has broken 120 of the 320 acres owned, and has erected a dwelling house, granary, stables, implement house, etc.

Johnson Rutherford, Silver Creek, (township 20, Russell county), has been here two years, took up homestead and pre-emption, broken 55 acres, put up a house, two stables, two sheds and a granary.

John Affleck, Clearwater, has a homestead and pre-emption, a house, stable and granary. Been there three years and cultivated 62 acres.

William McFarlane, Silver Creek, has 320 acres, 25 cultivated; been there two years; erected house and stable. Last season he had ten acres under crop; now 25.

James Findlay, Shoal Lake county, went there four years ago, took up homestead and pre-emption. Since then, put up house, granary and stables, and put 30 acres under crop.

James O. Fraser, Oak River, moved there from High Bluff two years ago, took up 320 acres, put up house, granary and stables and put 60 acres under cultivation.

R. Rollins, Crystal City, went there three years ago, took up homestead and pre-emption, and has since had them cancelled.

Walter R. Ross, Carman City, holds 320 acres, of which 35 are broken, and put up house and stable; been there five years.

Joseph Lawrence, Clearwater, went there four years ago, took up a homestead and pre-emption, broke up 90 acres, put up a dwelling, cattle house 50x40, granary 25x25, milk-house 12x18, and wire fenced 60 acres.

James Campbell, of 22, 6, 5, North Dufferin; owns a log house, 3 log stables, and 240 acres of land, of which 60 are broken, as a result of ten years' residence.

Alexander Naismith, Milford, county of Cypress, there three years, during which time he has prepared for crop 100 of the 320 acres held, and put up log house, granary, stable and other buildings.

W. G. Knight, Oak Lake, county Dennis, been three years in the country, took up 320 acres, cultivated only 6, put up two houses, and stabling for 40 cattle.

Noah Burtley, Birtle, county Shoal Lake; been there three years, holds 320 acres, has 110 acres broken, has house, stable and granary.

Wm. Coulthard, of Langvale, Turtle Mountain, has cultivated 13 of the 320 acres held, put up house, stable and granary; been in country three years.

George McGill, Souris, crossed the Souris on the 14th of April, 1882, on the ice, took up 160 acres, and is now preparing to build.

Alexander Adams, of 7, 7, 7, has been in Manitoba nine years, owns 400 acres, cultivated 100, and put up house, stable, granary, etc.

Robert M. Coburn, Bridge Creek, Minnedosa, been there ten months, bought a Syndicate section, but has not yet cultivated any of it, nor put up any buildings.

John A. Brondgeest, 4, 3, 21, village of Waubeesh, been there three years, took up homestead and pre-emption, and 900 acres of Syndicate land, in all 1,280, of which he has 200 acres broken; has also put up house, 38x20; granary, 16x20; two stables, 25x50; pigs' sty, root house, grist mill, with 30 h. p. engine, blacksmith shop, post office, and sundry other buildings.

John Leask, 10, 15, 4, county Lisgar, been there 3 years, taken up 160 and broken 35 acres and put up four buildings.

Hebron Mass, Manitoba Village, Lake Manitoba, a native, squatted on lands not yet surveyed, broken six acres and put up four buildings.

Wilford Lewis Horn, Clear Springs, 21, 7, 7, been in the country 9 years, put up house and stable, and cultivated 17 of the 160 acres taken up.

William Howey, Birtle, holds 320 acres; of which 50 are broken, put up house, stable, granary and other buildings, been there five years.

Reginald G. Wilson, Fort Ellice, Shoal Lake county, been there four years, put up house, stable and other buildings which he alleges he specially requires, and has broken 20 of the 320 acres taken up.

Nelson Brown, High Bluff, been 11 years in the province; purchased 284 acres, of which 80 are cultivated, and has put up house and other necessary buildings.

Philip Dickson, Brandon, holds 320 acres, of which 15 are broken; put up four buildings; been in the province four years.

William Matheson, Kildonan; been in the country eight years; owns two acres on which are four buildings.

Richard R. Kirchhoffer, 26, 7, 21, Brandon, been there 13 months, taken up 1,920 acres, including homestead, put up two dwellings, two stables and other large buildings.

William Thompson, Miami, 5, 5, 6; been there 7 years; holds 600 acres; cultivated 130 acres; has stable 100x26, granary 52x26, house 20x36, hog pen 20x24, machine house 18x24, crushing house 16x16, hen-roost 12x26, cooking and milk house 13x25.

Charles Wright, Beaconsfield, county Hamilton; been in the country 5 years; holds 320 acres, of which 45 are broken; owns house, granary, and stables.

William Driver, Nelson; been in the Northwest ten years; owns 50 acres of which 40 are broken; has house, stable, etc.

James E. Parr, Crystal City; been in the country four years; has 75 acres broken.

Donald Shaw, Preston, Rock Lake; lived 5 years in Manitoba and 15 in the west; owns 640 acres, of which 100 are broken; has house, stable and yard.

John Greenway, 10, 2, 12; hold 320 acres, of which he has cultivated 50, and put up dwellings and other buildings; been there four years.

Matthew Owens, High Bluff, been there 12 years; owns 160 acres, of which 80 are broken; also owns 20 acre wood lot; erected house, stable and granary.

James Airth, Argyle, Woodlands, has house, stable, and 160 acres land; been there 10 years.

William McKitrick, Crystal City, Rock Lake, have cultivated 73 of the 320 acres held; put up horse stable and granary; been in the country three years.

Andrew Malcolm, Minnedosa, hold 1,680 acres, 115 of which are under cultivation; erected house, barn, stabling, etc.; been here six years.

R. R. Ross, Russell, have cultivated 80 acres of the 320 held, and put house, stable and granary; been here four years.

John M. Lawrie, Birtle, hold 320 acres, 25 of which are cultivated; put up house, stable, and other buildings; been in the country two-and-a-half years.

T. H. Metcalfe, Portage la Prairie, been in the country six years, and cultivated 75 acres out of 320 held: have house, stable and granary.

R. H. Cole, Lintrathen, holds 960 acres, broken 80, put up house, granary and stabling for 40 head stock; been in the country two years.

R. J. Warren, Olive, holds 320 acres, 40 of which are broken; house, stable, etc., up; been in country five years.

William Warnock, Neepawa, has house, granary, stable, etc., and 30 acres broken out of 320 held: been in the country five years.

W. D. Ruttan, Ruttanville, been in the country four years, put up a house and stable and cultivated 140 of the 320 acres held.

George Miller, Cook's Creek, native of the province, has seven buildings, and cultivated 45 of the 840 acres held.

Genius Joll Webb, Glenora, holds 320 acres, 150 of which are broken; has house, stable, etc.: been there four years.

A. Chester, Maringhurst, been there one year, broken up 23 of the 320 acres held and erected house and stable.

Thomas Kennedy, St. Idartsville, has been in the country three years; owns homestead, 65 acres of which are broken; has house, granary, stable, etc.

Alex. Kelso, Roseberry, within two years has put up house and other necessary buildings, and broken 20 of the 320 acres held.

QUALITY OF THE LAND.

This is what the STN's correspondents say about the land:—

W. D. Reesor, 32, 2, 11, Hamilton—good, rich loam.

James Airth, Argyle—low land.

Matthew Owens, High Bluff—best land in the province and equal to any in the world.

John Greenway, 10, 2, 12—rich, deep, brown loam.

Donald Shaw, Rock Lake—sandy loam.

James E. Parr, Crystal City—it is second to none in the world.

William Drewer, Nelson—A 1.

Charles Wright, Beaconsfield—black clay loam.

William Thomson, Maimi—clay loam.

Richard B. Kirkhoffer, 26, 7, 21, near Brandon—very good.

William Matheson, Kildonan—good for grain or vegetables.

Philip Dickson, Brandon—No. 1.

Nelson Brown, Marquette—first class.

Reginald G. Wilson, Shoal Lake—clay soil, clay sub-soil, occasionally limestone gravel, with patches of alkaline land.

William Howey, Birtle—first class.

Wilford Louis Horn, Clear Springs—black loam; some heavy clay.

Hebron Moar, Manitoba City—good soil.

John Leask, 10, 15, 4, Lisgar—black, sandy loam.

John A. Brondgeest, 4, 3, 21—A 1, the best wheat land I ever saw.

Robert M. Coburn, Bridge Creek—heavy.

Alexander Adams, 7, 7, 7,—heavy land, rather flat.

George McGill, Souris—first class.

William Coulthard, Langvile—first-class land, with enough wood for present use.

Noah Bartley, Birtle—good soil, well adapted for grain growing.

Oliver Christiansen, St. Peter's—good.

W. G. Knight, Oak Lake—good, light sandy loam.

- Alex. Naismith, Milford—first class.
 James Campbell, North Dufferin—mostly first class, sandy loam.
 Joseph Lawrence, Clearwater—No. 1 black loam, rolling prairie.
 Walter Ross, Carman City—fair.
 — Rollins, Crystal City—first class.
 James O. Fraser, Oak River—first class.
 James Findlay, Shoal Lake—18 inches black loam, clay sub-soil.
 William McFarlane, Silver Creek—excellent sandy loam.
 John Aitleck, Clearwater—mostly good.
 Johnson Rutherford, Silver Creek—first class.
 Robt. Nelson, Birtle—very good.
 W. J. Brown, Pomeroy—good.
 John Stinson, Carberry—deep sandy clay loam.
 Thomas Oliver, Burnside—heavy loam, with clay sub-soil.
 James Agnew, Brandon county—second quality in general.
 Thomas Carter, Woodland—principally meadow and pasture.
 W. R. Sutherland, St. Andrew's—black loam.
 S. F. Hampton, Rapid City—first class black loam.
 W. F. Scarth, Virden—first class.
 Henry Proctor, Woodlands—No. 1.
 T. B. White, 27, 3, 1—Black clay loam.
 J. A. Millan, Woodlands—fair.
 William Wagner, M. P. P., Ossowa—black loam over sand.
 W. A. Farmer, Headingly—A 1 black loam, clay subsoil.
 George C. Wilde, Morris—black clay loam.
 Joseph Daniel—first class.
 Kenneth McKenzie, ex-M. P. P., Burnside—first class.
 John McMullen, Foxton P. O., Dundas county—very good average quality, no stones.
 George H. Chatfield, township 17, range 3—Good soil, no stone, much of land wet.
 Stephen Thompson, township 12, range 12—sandy loam.
 P. Rollins, Rock Lake—first class.
 John McKivor, Greenwood—black loam.
 James McGhee, Blake, Westbourne—light sandy loam.
 James H. Wood, Birtle—first class.
 Martin Shipley, Rockwood—good clay loam. with some patches of alkali.
 S. W. Chambers, township 16, range 27—good.
 John Lapointe, Warrington—black loam, with some sand.
 James Robertson, Alexandria, South Dufferin—first class.
 C. T. C. McCorquodale, Minnewashta, Hamilton—black sandy loam.
 David Dick, Moline, Minnedosa—black clay loam, clay sub-soil.
 Edward Cook, 30, 15, 20—first class soil, 18 inches black loam; clay sub-soil; rolling prairie; within six miles of unlimited quantities of timber.
 G. Hunt, Assiniboine—the finest black loam.
 John L. Loyal, Gladstone—good, with considerable hay land near by.
 William Cox, Millford—sandy loam, clay sub-soil.
 Geo. W. Playfair, Maringhurst—black loam, rolling prairie.
 John Mooney, Millford—generally first class.
 Henry McQuade, Prairie Grove—heavy clay loam.
 W. G. Alcock, Milborne—rich, sandy loam.
 W. H. Davis, tp. 1, range 12—No. 1, 18 inches black loam, clay bottom. with good water.
 Hugh Lockhart, 12, 3, 12—good.
 Alexander Kelso, Roseberry—good.
 Thomas Kennedy, Stoddartsville—Good, with plenty of timber for fuel and good water.
 J. Chester, Maringhurst—Black loam.
 George Miller, Cook's Creek—Sandy loam.
 W. D. Ruttan, Ruttanville—Excellent.
 William Warnock, Neepawa—Good.
 R. J. Warren, Olive—First class rolling prairie, good water.
 R. H. Cole, Lintrathen—Black loam with a little sand.
 T. H. Metcalfe, Portage la Prairie—The very best.
 John M. Lawrie, Birtle—Black loam from 8 to 24 inches deep, with clay sub-soil.
 R. R. Ross, Russell County—Good.
 Andrew Malcolm, Minnedosa—Rich, dark clay loam.
 W. McKitrick, Crystal City—A mixture of clay and sand; the soil is first class.

CROPS ADAPTED TO THE COUNTRY, AVERAGE YIELD, &c.

George McGill, Souris, says :—Raised last year ten acres wheat, and had some oats, peas, flax and turnips on prairie sod ; wheat yielded 30 bushels to the acre, first class grain ; wheat, oats and barley are well adapted to the country, but roots, to do well, require to be put in early for the growth stops early in the fall and all vegetation seems to prepare for the fall prairie fires.

Alex. Adams; 7, 7, 7—raised last years 600 bushels wheat, 900 bushels oats and 174 bushels barley ; wheat yielded 25 bushels, oats 40 and barley 35 bushels to the acre ; these are the crops best adapted to the country.

Robert M. Cobourn, Bridge Creek—Wheat, oats, barley and all kinds of vegetables will grow here.

J. A. Brondgeest, 4, 3, 21—Raised last year 400 bushels wheat, 1200 oats and 300 barley, which yielded on an average : wheat 32, oats 55, barley 45 ; these with peas are the best crops to raise.

William Coulthard, Langvale—My crops last year yielded an average of 30 bushels of wheat and 65 of oats to the acre ; all cereals do well here and the only question to be considered is which pays farmers best.

Geo. C. Wilde, Morris County, raised 2000 bushels of wheat and 3000 of barley last year ; yielded on an average, oats 50, barley 40, wheat 22, potatoes 200 bushels to the acre. This has been the average for the past nine years. Wheat, oats, barley, flax, potatoes and all kinds of roots are the best crops to raise.

W. A. Farmer, Headingly, raised last year 2500 bushels of grain, 400 bushels potatoes, and 250 tons hay ; wheat averaged 25 to 30, oats 40 to 60, and barley 30 to 50 bushels to the acre ; these are the best crops to raise here.

William Wagner, M. P. P., Ossowo—Not able to get help. I couldn't raise any crops last year, but everything except corn can be raised here profitably.

John Leask raised wheat, oats, barley and other garden produce last year ; wheat averaged 30, barley 40, and oats 50 bushels to the acre ; these are the crops best adapted to this country.

W. D. Reesor, Hamilton County—Raised last year 50 acres wheat, averaging 30 bushels, and 80 acres oats, averaging 60 bushels to the acre.

Hebron Moor, Manitoba Village—Wheat, barley, oats and peas are the best crops for this country.

Wilford Louis Horn, Clear Springs—Raised 170 acres wheat last year, averaging 20 bushels, oats averaged 45, and barley 40 bushels to the acre ; besides raising cereals, this is a splendid place for gardening.

William Howey, Birtle—Last year oats averaged 40, wheat 25, barley 30, and peas 25 bushels to the acre ; and all kinds of vegetables did well ; wheat, oats, barley and potatoes are the best crops to raise.

Nelson Brown, High Bluff—Raised 1800 bushels grain last year ; oats averaged 60, barley 30, and wheat 27 bushels to the acre ; these grains, with all kinds of roots, garden vegetables and small fruits are the best to raise.

Philip Jackson, Brandon—My oats averaged 60 and wheat 26½ bushels to the acre last year ; those are the most profitable grains to grow.

William Matheson, Kildonan—Raised all vegetables last year, they pay better than anything else for the Winnipeg market.

R. B. Kirchoffer, near Brandon—Raised 100 acres oats and 26 of barley last year ; oats averaged 64 bushels to the acre on back-setting and 35 bushels sown on sod ; barley yielded 70 bushels to the acre ; these grains, with peas and potatoes, are the best to raise.

James McGhee, Blake, Westbourne—My wheat averaged last year 17 and barley 36 bushels to the acre ; wheat is the best crop to raise.

John Melvor, Greenwood—My oats averaged 60, barley 40 to 55, and wheat 30 bushels to the acre ; these, in my opinion, are the best crops to raise.

R. Rollins, Rock Lake—Wheat averaged 25, oats 60, and barley 40 bushels to the acre ; these, with potatoes, are the best crops to raise.

Stephen Thompson, Marquette—Raised last year 400 bushels wheat, 250 oats, 120 barley and 350 potatoes ; averaging, wheat 24, oats 50, barley 40, and potatoes 300 bushels to the acre ; these are all good crops to raise.

George D. Chatfield—Wheat averaged 35 bushels to acre, oats 40.

John McMullen, Dundas County—Raised 300 bushels wheat and 250 barley ; all cereals,

roots and vegetables will grow well, but frosts late in June and sometimes in August are a drawback.

William Thompson, Miami—Raised 1000 bushels wheat, 1800 oats, 200 barley, 15 tons hay; wheat averaged 25, oats 60, and barley 40 bushels to the acre; anything that will grow in Ontario will grow here, and a great deal more to the acre and better quality will grow here.

Charles Wright, Beaconsfield—Raised 530 bushels wheat, 1200 oats, 200 barley, one acre peas, potatoes, turnips, etc.; wheat averaged 36, oats 57, and barley 50 bushels to the acre; spring wheat, oats, barley and peas do splendidly here.

William Driver, Nelson—Wheat last year averaged 25, oats 40, and barley 25 bushels to the acre.

James E. Parr, Crystal City—Wheat averaged 30, barley 40 (which was below the general average), and oats 60 bushels to the acre; all kinds of cereals will grow here except fall grain.

Donald Shaw, Preston—Raised 1,200 bushels grain, 400 bushels potatoes; wheat averaged 30 to 40, oats 50 to 70, barley 40 to 60 bushels to the acre.

John Greenway: 10, 2, 12—My crops averaged last year: wheat 32, oats 85, barley 25 bushels to the acre; I raised 60 acres in all; grain and vegetables of all kinds grow here.

Mat. Owens, High Bluff—The crop last year was a fair average, but I have seen a great deal better ones in this country; wheat averaged 25, oats 45 and barley 34 bushels to the acre; I have known wheat to yield 40, oats 80 and barley 50 bushels to the acre; any crop will farm and do well, especially grain, flax, timothy, Hungarian rye, etc.

James Airth, Argyle—Raised 50 acres of grain last year; wheat ran from 18 to 25 and oats 60 bushels to the acre; all spring crops adapted to country, which is specially good for all kinds of roots.

Hugh Lockhart, Preston—Grain yielded from 30 bushels, and roots from 400 to the acre.

W. H. Davis, Rock Lake—Raised grains, peas, flax, potatoes; turnips, carrots, mangolds, beets, parsnips and onions; wheat averaged 36, oats 50, peas 50, barley 55, flax 35 bushels to the acre.

W. G. Alcock, Norfolk—Raised all kinds of grains, roots and vegetables: wheat averaged 33, oats 75, barley 50 and potatoes 300 bushels to the acre; all these are well adapted to the country; corn of early kinds do well, also buckwheat, rye, millet, Hungarian and timothy.

Henry McQuade, Prairie Grove—Raised 1400 bushels grain last year; wheat ran from 30 to 44, and oats 60 bushels to the acre; red Fyfe wheat, oats, barley and potatoes best adapted to the country.

John Mooney, Milford—Raised 700 wheat, 1500 oats, 300 potatoes, and 200 bushels turnips; wheat averaged 35, oats 65, barley 50, and potatoes 300 bushels to the acre; all kinds of grain, roots and vegetables do well.

George W. Playfair, Maringhurst, Rock Lake—Raised 12,000 bushels grain: wheat averaged 35, oats 60 and barley 40 bushels to the acre.

A correspondent who lives on 24, 3, 12, raised 300 bushels wheat, 1000 oats, 50 barley, 100 potatoes, and 500 bushels turnips; wheat averaged 30, oats 45, barley 35 and turnips 40 bushels to the acre.

John Stinson, Cypress—Raised wheat 1500, oats 2500, barley 40, turnips 500, potatoes 400 bushels, hay 9 tons; wheat averaged 33, oats 60, barley 50, potatoes 300, and peas 30 bushels to the acre; which fall wheat will do well.

W. J. Brown, North Dufferin—Raised oats 2000, wheat 1000, barley 200 bushels; oats averaged 50, wheat 25 and barley 30 bushels to the acre.

Robert Nelson, Birtle—Wheat yielded 22, oats 40, barley 30 bushels to the acre; roots did well, but the yield was below the average.

John Rutherford, Russell—Wheat yielded 40, oats 70, barley 50, and potatoes 400 bushels to the acre.

John Affleck, Clearwater—Raised 1200 acres of grain last year; oats averaged 65, barley 50, and wheat 28 bushels to the acre.

William McFarlane, Silver Creek—Oats yielded 60 bushels, wheats 30, barley 50, and potatoes 280 bushels to the acre; all these crops do well.

James Findlay, Shoal Lake County—Wheat averaged 30, oats 60, and barley 35 bushels to the acre; all cereals grow here and ripen to perfection.

James O. Fraser, Oak River—Crops were good last year for the season, the spring was late and the year dry; I have only had one year's experience, and therefore not enough to reply to your questions; but all kinds of grain and roots do well here.

P. Rollins, Crystal City—In this locality wheat averaged 25, oats 60, and barley 40 bushels to the acre; all kinds of grain and vegetables seem to do well.

Water R. Ross, Carman City—Oats, barley and wheat are the staple crops here, averaging 60, 40 and 25 respectively; the staples of Ontario do splendidly here.

William Cox, Milford—Raised 35 acres wheat, 30 of oats and 5 acres of barley; wheat

averaged 30, oats 60 and barley 40 bushels to the acre ; wheat and the coarser grains are best adapted to the country.

John L. Loyal, Gladstone—Oats yielded 40 to 50, wheat 20 to 35 and barley 40 to 45 bushels to the acre ; all kinds of grain and roots grow here.

George Hunt, Assiniboine—Wheat ran from 30 to 35, barley 40, oats 50 to 75, and potatoes 300 to 600 bushels per acre, according to the season ; everything grows well.

Edward Cook, 30, 15, 20—Raised 50 acres grain : oats averaged 50, wheat 30 and barley 35 bushels to the acre ; all adapted to this country.

David Dick, Moline—Raised 2100 bushels of grain ; wheat averaged 30, oats 60, barley 20 bushels to the acre ; all grains and roots do well.

C. T. C. McCorquodale, Hamilton county—Wheat averaged 30, oats 50 and potatoes 400 bushels to the acre.

James Rawson, Alexandria, South Dufferin—My wheat averaged 33, and oats 70 bushels to the acre, barley and flax not yet threshed ; the country is adapted to all grains except peas ; roots do magnificently.

John Lapointe, Warrington—Raised a general crop of grains and vegetables ; all yielded well.

S. W. Chambers, Birtle—Wheat averaged 25, oats 40, barley 35, peas 20, potatoes 300, turnips 600 bushels to the acre ; all cereals succeed admirably, and root crops excel.

Martin Shipley, Victoria—Raised 35 acres of crops ; wheat averaging 30, barley 30, and oats 45 bushels to the acre.

James H. Wood, Birtle—Wheat averaged 30 and oats 40 bushels to the acre.

Kenneth McKenzie, ex-M. P. P., Burnside—Raised a general crop of cereals, roots and vegetables ; wheat averaged 32, barley 45 and oats 65 bushels to the acre.

J. A. McMillan, Woodlands—Oats averaged 60, wheat 30, and potatoes 250 bushels to the acre ; all grains and cereals do well.

T. B. White, 27, 3, 1—Raised 5000 bushels grain last year ; wheat yielded 20 to 30, oats 50 to 75, and barley 35 bushels to the acre ; all grains and roots grow well here.

Henry Proctor, Woodlands—Raised 850 bushels grain.

W. F. Scarth, Virden—Average yield in this locality 20 bushels wheat on the virgin sod ; the best potatoes grow here that I ever saw.

S. F. Hampton, Rapid City—Raised 1800 bushels oats, 250 bushels of wheat, 300 bushels of barley and 100 bushels potatoes ; oats averaged 40, wheat 20 on first breaking, and barley 30 bushels to the acre ; all kinds of grain and roots do well.

W. R. Sutherland, St. Andrew's—Wheat yielded 25 bushels to the acre.

Thomas Carter, Woodlands—Raised general crop of grain and vegetables ; wheat averaged 35, oats 60, barley 56, potatoes 200 and turnips 500 bushels to the acre.

Thomas Oliver, Burnside—Wheat averaged 30, oats 50 and barley 30 bushels to the acre.

Joseph Lawrence, Clearwater—Raised 2200 bushels wheat last year ; average yield, wheat 22, oats 40, barley 30 ; never yet had a bad crop in Manitoba ; have raised nearly everything that can be grown, and with success.

James Campbell, North Dufferin—Raised 51 acres grain ; wheat averaged 35, oats 52, barley 40 bushels to the acre.

Alexander Naismith, Millford—Raised 60 acres of crops last year ; wheat averaged 35, oats 65 and potatoes 400 bushels to the acre ; two bushels of barley sown yielded 70 bushels.

George Bartley, Birtle—Raised all kinds of grain, roots and vegetables ; wheat yielded 25, oats 50, barley 35, and peas 25 bushels to the acre ; roots and vegetables all do well, and yield more per acre than in Ontario, where I farmed for thirty years.

Hugh Blair, Minnedosa—Oats averaged 50 bushels to the acre.

Robt. Reesor, Pilot Mound and Moose Jaw—Raised 2000 bushels wheat and 6000 bushels oats and barley ; wheat yielded 35 and oats 50 to 80 bushels per acre ; all kinds of grain, roots and vegetables grow here.

Wm. McKittrick, Crystal City—Raised 1200 bushels last year ; wheat 26, oats 50, barley 30 bushels to the acre. Spring wheat, oats, barley, peas, timothy, and roots of all kinds will grow well here.

Andrew Malcolm, Minnedosa—Had 70 acres under crop last year, divided as follows : wheat 10, barley 20, oats 38, potatoes 2. The average yield of the different cereals per acre, is : wheat 30, barley 30, oats 50, potatoes 250. This has been about the average for the last six or seven years. Crops best adapted : wheat, oats, barley. The soil appears to be too rich for peas. Roots of all kinds do remarkably well.

R. R. Ross, Russell—Average yield, 25, oats 40, barley 35. They were not so heavy as the year before. The crops best adapted to the country are wheat, oats, barley, potatoes and turnips.

John M. Lawrie, Birtle—Raised last year wheat, oats, barley, potatoes and all leading

varieties of vegetables. The average yield was : wheat 20, oats 60, barley 30. Last year being an exceptionally dry one, consider the yield very good.

T. H. Metcalfe—Raised last year wheat, barley and potatoes. Average yield : wheat 37, oats 55, barley 35, potatoes 400, beans 20. The above cereals are best adapted to the country, but believe in time other grains will do well.

R. H. Cole, Lintharaten—Had 60 acres under crop last year. Average yield, wheat 25, oats 45, barley 40, peas 25, potatoes 350, turnips 500, timothy $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons. All the above mentioned, and all kinds of vegetables do well here.

R. J. Warren, Olive—Average yield : wheat 28, oats 65, barley 45, potatoes 300. Wheat, oats, barley, peas, and roots of all kinds.

William Warnock, Neepawa—Raised nearly 800 bushels last year. Average yield : oats 50, wheat 25, barley 40. Wheat, oats, barley, flax, and nearly all kinds of fruits do well.

W. D. Ruttan, Ruttanville—Raised over 4000 bushels from 100 acres last year. Crops best adapted to the country : wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, and roots and vegetables generally.

George Miller, Cook's Creek—Raised 1200 bushels last year. Average yield, oats 47, wheat 28, barley 33. These crops best adapted to the country.

G. J. Webb, Rock Lake—Average yield, wheat 30, oats 70, barley 60. All kinds of grain, roots and vegetables will grow well.

J. Chester, 5, 14, 14—Wheat, oats, barley and roots best adapted to the country.

Thomas Kennedy, Stoddartville—Average yield, wheat 25, oats 40, barley 40. Three most suitable crops.

Alex. Kelso, Roseberry—Raised last year three acres of wheat, one of barley, eleven of oats, one of potatoes, and one of turnips. Average yield, wheat 30, oats 40, barley 40, potatoes 200, turnips 800. Can raise anything here that can be raised on an Ontario farm. I have this year tried fall wheat, and it looks well.

POSSIBILITIES OF FRUIT CULTURE.

John Greenway, 2, 12, 10—Smaller fruits can be successfully grown, but apples and the like I judge would not be a success.

Donald Shaw, Preston—Hardy kinds would do well.

James E. Parr, Crystal City—Small fruits do well. Apples not properly tested.

William Driver, Nelson—Good, in time.

Charles Wright, Beaconsfield—Small fruits are a success. Have seen no apples, plums or cherries tried. I think some varieties can be grown for home use, but do not think they can be raised profitably for market.

William Thompson, Miami—I have grown as fine crab apples as I ever saw. Small fruits do well.

John McMullen, Foxton—None.

Geo. H. Chatfield, Dundas—I think fruit would be a success.

Stephen Thompson, Marquette—Have not experimented.

R. Rollins, Rock Lake—Not very encouraging.

John McKivor, Greenwood—Been a failure so far, but all that have been tried so far came from the east and froze in the winter.

James McGhee, Blake—Too much frost.

R. Kirchhoffer, Brandon County—Not much, except the smaller varieties.

Wm. Matheson, Kildonan—Can't say.

Philip Dickson, Brandon—Do.

Nelson Brown, High Bluff—Apples not very promising ; smaller fruits—currants and berries of all kinds—excellent.

A. G. Wilson, Fort Ellice—Small fruits will flourish here.

W. Howey, Birtle—I think all kinds of small fruits can be raised here without any trouble.

W. L. Horn, Clear Springs—None. The severe winter kills the trees.

H. Moar, Manitoba Village, Lake Manitoba—Too cold. Ice on the lake by the 6th of May each year.

John Leask, 10, 15, 4—Crabapples and the like might be raised to advantage, also all common berries.

William Wagner, D. L. S., Ossowo—Have very serious doubts. Have tried, but failed.

W. A. Farmer, Headingly—Small fruits as good as any part of Ontario.

Geo. C. Wilson, Morris Co.—Very poor, unless land well protected by timber.

William Coulthard, Langvale—Wild fruit is grown around here in abundance. There should be no trouble with the harder kinds.

John A. Brondgeest, Waubeesh—Believe all kinds of fruit will do well. Small wild fruits grow well all over the mountain.

R. M. Coburn, Bridge Creek—Cannot say.

G. McGill, Souris—It never will be successful.

Matthew Owens, High Bluff—I think the chances are very poor. I have tried twice and failed, and none in this neighborhood have succeeded.

James, Airth, Argyle—Apples a failure.

Hugh Lockhart, Preston—No experience, but think it would succeed.

W. H. Davis, Rock Lake—Poor except in certain localities.

W. G. Alcock, Melbourne—All the small fruits do well, also plums, crabapples and cherries, and I have no doubt that in time we will raise apples, grapes, etc., as the climate becomes better understood.

Henry McQuade, P. M., Prairie Grove—None.

John Mooney, Millford—Cannot speak from experience.

G. W. Playfair, Warden, Argyle—Hardy fruits (crabs and currants) do well.

James Stinson, Carberry—Good with hardy kinds.

Geo. Brown, Pomeroy—Plums, currants, gooseberries and strawberries will do well.

James Fraser, Oak River—Small fruits will do well, the hardy varieties I think will succeed.

James Findlay, Shoal Lake—Stone and small fruits will do well, but I have doubts about apples.

William McFarlane, Silver Creek—No person so far has given any attention to fruit growing.

John Affleck, Clearwater—Don't know.

J. Rutherford, Russell—Apples may do if well cared for during the winter. Have not tried.

Robert Nelson, Birtle—Not very encouraging. Have tried both young trees and seed. The young trees died the first winter. The seeds did well. Protected young apple trees winter before last came out all right. I adopted the same methods this winter. The mice have been at them.

Edward Cook, postmaster, Newdale—All small fruits do well and the hardiest varieties of apples can be raised successfully.

G. Hunt, Assiniboine—Small fruits do well—strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries and currants; but apples will not prosper, I think.

J. L. Logie, Gladstone—Very small. Over \$600 worth of fruit trees were sold here one season, but all were killed by the frost.

William Cox, Milford—Small fruits a success; as to others I cannot say.

W. Ross, Carman City—I think it possible to raise apples and the smaller fruits of Ontario.

R. Rollins, Crystal City—Not very favorable.

John Lapointe, Warrington—Not very good.

James Rawson, Alexandria—Native fruit good. Other fruits very moderate.

David Dick, Moline—Not very good at present.

W. R. Sutherland, St. Andrew's—Good.

Thomas Carter, Woodlands—Grapes, plums, currants, strawberries, raspberries and cranberries grow wild. Apple trees grow too fast—then burst in the winter and die.

James Agnew, Brandon—I think they are good.

Thomas Oliver, Burnside—Not very good yet.

Joseph Lawrence, Clearwater—I don't think this country is well adapted to fruit growing, but am of opinion that gooseberries, raspberries, strawberries and some specimens of plums would succeed.

James Campbell, North Dufferin—Fancy that most small fruits would do passably well.

Alex. Naismith, Milford—I think we could grow fruit, but have not tried.

W. G. Knight, Oak Lake—Will be tried this year on a large scale and with every prospect of success.

O. Christiansen, St. Peter's—Too cold.

Noah Bertley, Birtle—Not tried any yet, but think the harder kinds would succeed. We have the strawberry, raspberry, black and red currant, gooseberry and high-bush cranberry growing wild in abundance.

S. F. Hampton, Rapid City—Small fruits successful; apples can be grown if planted in sheltered places.

- W. F. Scarth, P. M., Virden—All small fruits, plums and crabapples would succeed.
 J. B. White, Whitehaven farm, 27, 3, 1—Any small fruits can be raised with ease, but I think apples with difficulty.
 James Daniel, 14, 10, 32—I think hardy kinds may be grown satisfactorily.
 Kenneth McKenzie, Burnside—Prospects not very good.
 James H. Wood, Birtle—Small fruits may do.
 Martin Shipley, Wavy Bank—I have a poor opinion of fruit growing unless some very hardy kinds may be found to stand the winter. Small fruits do well.
 S. W. Chambers, Birtle—Think the hardier kinds would do well.
 Wm. McKittrick, Crystal City—I believe grafted fruit will be a total failure on prairie farms, but in the woods or sheltered places might do. Wild fruits grow well.
 Andrew Malcolm, Minnedosa—Small fruits do well, but the larger sort have not been a success so far.
 R. R. Ross, Russell—I think the hardier kinds will grow.
 John M. Lawrie, Birtle—Cannot say.
 T. H. Metcalf, 34, 13, 7—Put down Lake Manitoba six or seven feet so as to dry up the country from Winnipeg west for about 150 miles, and I believe we will succeed in acclimatizing many kinds of apples and plums that do not succeed here now.
 R. H. Cole, Lintathen—None tried here. Hardy kinds do if protected from winter winds.
 E. J. Warren, Olive—Small plants will do well. I sowed apple seeds and the trees have wintered two winters and look healthy.
 William Warnock—No knowledge, but judge it doubtful unless the trees are very well protected.
 W. D. Ruttan, Ruttanville—Small fruits excellent; larger possibly.
 George Miller, Cook's Creek—Small fruits will do well enough.
 G. J. Webb, Rock Lake—I am setting out some wild plum trees. As for tame fruit. I know nothing. Small fruits would do well.
 J. Chester, 5, 14, 14—Small fruits and hardier kinds might be raised.
 Thomas Kennedy, Stoddartsville—Good for small fruits, such as currants, gooseberries, etc.
 Alex. Kelso, Roseberry—The prospects here are the best I have seen in the country, the land on the north side of Rock Lake being a sandy loam, and consequently of a warmer nature than most parts of the province.

THE NORTH-WEST CLIMATE.

The SUS's correspondents give their experience of the climate as follows:

- W. McKittrick—Nine months of the year will stand a good recommendation, but during December, January and February the settler must "stand the storm, and he'll anchor bye and bye."
 Alex. Kelso—Colder than Ontario, but people are clad in proportion, and consequently feel it no keener.
 Thomas Kennedy—I like the climate, but don't care much about a few of the coldest snaps in winter.
 J. Chester—I like it.
 G. J. Webb—The atmosphere is pure, but it is a little cold some days.
 W. D. Ruttan—Healthy.
 William Warnock—Enjoyable in summer; cold, but healthy, in winter.
 R. J. Warren—Winter is cold, but the atmosphere is very dry; summer has warm days and cool nights. Vegetation is wonderfully rapid. Early rose potatoes have been planted and raised for table use within six weeks of planting.
 R. H. Cole—Favorable.
 T. H. Metcalf—With very little care in the coldest months, say from the middle of December to the middle of July, one can enjoy the climate of Manitoba, I think, fully better than in the eastern provinces.
 John M. Lawrie—I consider the climate better than Ontario, taking one season with another.
 R. R. Ross—Winters cold, but not unendurable; subject to no more freaks of nature than the older provinces.
 Andrew Malcolm—Have found the climate equal, and in some respects superior to that of

Ontario. Much has been said of the winters here, but I consider them preferable to Ontario winters. We are never troubled with slush or mud in winter, never know of a thaw during winter and consequently we have one continuous and uninterrupted run of dry, frosty weather, usually setting in about the middle of November and continuing until the first of April.

Robert Reesor—Favorably impressed with climate; never saw better.

W. R. Sutherland—Very good.

Thomas Carter—Rather cold, but very healthy.

James Agnew—Very healthy.

Thomas Oliver—I like it.

James Campbell—Good; a little more severe than Ontario, but steadier and healthier.

Alex. Naismith—This winter was a little cold, but I like it as well as Ontario's winters.

W. G. Knight—Fine, dry and healthy; most suitable for agricultural pursuits.

Olive Christiansen—Healthy, but cold.

Noah Bartley—Been here three years, like the climate well; winters a little severe, but more pleasant than in Ontario, being a dry steady cold, with no thaws or rains.

S. W. Chambers—Have spent four winters here, and worked in the coldest weather without an overcoat, without any inconvenience.

Martin Shipley—Quite possible for man and beast to live comfortably by having warm buildings, warm clothing and plenty of them.

James H. Wood—No fault to find.

Kenneth McKenzie, ex-M. P. P.—Been here fifteen years and like the climate well.

Joseph Daniel—It is pretty cold in winter, but I like it.

J. A. Milan—Been here ten years and was never frozen or touched by frost.

T. B. White—My experience is favorable, but it is rather cold at times.

Henry Proctor—Cold in winter; summers very fine, but short.

W. F. Scarth—Summer delightful; winter rather severe.

S. F. Hampton—Like it better than Ontario.

C. T. C. McCorquodale—Wholesome.

James Rawson—Satisfactory.

R. Rollins—Winters severe.

Walter R. Ross—Most healthful.

William Cox—Rather cold last winter, but that was an exceptional one. Climate very satisfactory on the whole.

John L. Loyal—Colder than Ontario, but does not chill me through as the cold does there; just as soon have the winter here as in Ontario.

George Hunt—I like it much better than in Ontario.

Edward Cook—Seven months include spring, summer and autumn; five months of severe winter.

Robert Nelson—Upon the whole unendurable, but the winters are too long and cold.

J. Rutherford—Summers pleasant, winters cold.

John Affleck—I like it well.

Wm. McFarlane—Colder than in Ontario, but on the whole the winters are just as bearable as there.

James Findlay—Very healthy.

W. J. Brown—Good.

John Stinson—Very good.

George W. Playfair—Splendid.

John Mooney—Good. I like it very well.

George C. Wilde—As good as I ever experienced.

W. A. Farmer—Healthy and vigorous, and any one in good health can stand all the cold I have experienced.

William Wagner, M.P.P.—The long winter is no doubt a great drawback, and gives some years a great deal of work in spring time. But I have always had good health.

John Leask—Healthy and free from epidemics. Care should be taken in winter. If this is done life insurance companies would have tremendous profits.

R. Long—Invigorating, inspiring and inviting. Braces one up.

W. D. Reesor—Severe in winter, but prefer it to Ontario; summer, long days and cool nights; very healthy.

W. L. Horn—This is the healthiest country I was ever in, and I have seen a good deal of the world.

William Howey—I prefer it to Ontario.

Nelson Brown—Healthy, enjoyable, and, taking the year round, compares favorably with any that I know of.

John McKivor—Cold in winter, but dry and clear; summer nights quite cool.

Philip Thompson—Cold, but healthy, the cold not being felt so severely as in Ontario, owing to less changes in the weather.

William Matheson—Last winter was the coldest in my experience.

R. B. Kirchhoffer—Very satisfactory; never had better health than since coming here.

John McGhee—Good.

R. Rollins—A little severe in winter, but healthy.

Stephen Thompson—Good.

George Chatfield—Splendid.

John McMullen—Cold, but healthy.

William Thompson—Pretty cold, but very healthy. I have suffered more from frost bites in Ontario than in Manitoba.

William Driver—Very healthy.

James E. Parr—Cold but very healthy.

Donald Shaw—I like it better than any other place I was ever in.

Hugh Blair—Colder than Ontario, but more agreeable and healthier.

Henry McQuade—Healthy, but sometimes disagreeable.

W. G. Alcock—A regular tonic for eastern people.

W. H. Davis—Like it, except the winds, which are not pleasant.

Hugh Lockart—Pleasant.

Matthew Owens—Cold in winter, and warm in summer, but both very healthy.

George McGill—I prefer it to the South of Ireland or Ontario.

Alexander Adams—With the exception of January and February the climate is as pleasant as that of any country I ever heard of.

Robert W. Coburn—Summer days are warm with cool nights; winter frost is keen, but the air is dry, and the days are really delightful.

John A. Brondgeest—Cold, but dry and pleasant winter weather; dry, clear weather in summer; rain in May and June; roads dry; very little snow in winter.

Joseph Lawrence—I have no objections to the climate. We get a little hard weather sometimes, but I prefer it to either Ontario or England. I lived in England 21 years, and in Ontario 10 years, and so am qualified to express an opinion.



OPINIONS OF THE COUNTRY AS A HOME FOR FARMERS

In response to the questions: "What is Your Opinion of the Country as a Home for Farmers?" "How Does it Compare With Your Former Home?" and "Would You Advise Your Friends to Settle Here?" our correspondents write:

W. D. Reesor—I prefer the Northwest to any other prairie State, and prefer it by a long way. Any friends intending to follow agriculture I advise by all means to come here. A large quantity of land is held here as homesteads and pre-emptions by simply living a number of months in the year in a shanty worth \$25 or so, and a few acres broken but not cropped. Single men like myself have to sleep on our places and walk a-mile or so to neighbors for meals, or ruin our health by our own cooking.

Wm. Wagner, M.P.P.—No better home for farmers in the world; like it better than Germany; have done all I can to advise friends to settle here by publishing pamphlets at my own expense, etc.

W. A. Farmer, Headingley—The best place in the world for farmers; not yet so comfortable as my former home, but much healthier. If my friends have comfortable homes east, I say stay there; but if they have large families or live on rented farms, or are anxious to make more, I say come to Manitoba by all means.

George Wilde, Morris—The best country in America for farmers; equal to my former home.

William Coulthard—I consider that any man willing to work can get along all right. I like it better than my former home. With pluck and perseverance a man cannot fail to get along, and I recommend all who wish to make homes for themselves to look up a homestead, go to work on it with a will, and they are sure to succeed if they stick to it.

Noah Bartley—Splendid country for the farmer if we had more railways and markets. We have plenty of good land, wood and water. If we had better markets I would advise my friends to settle here.

Olive Christiansen—Good, like it better than former home; would recommend friends to come here.

W. G. Knight—Most suitable for farmers; no comparison to former home; would advise any industrious, steady man to settle here; these men become independent.

Alex. Nasmith—The country cannot be beat for farming. I farmed for twenty years in Ontario, and that province cannot compare with Manitoba. But I would not advise my friends to settle here unless they had money enough to start, and live all the time on the place. I have seen so many young men lose their farms by having them jumped while they were compelled to go out and work for others to earn money to break up their own farms—young men who would have made the best of settlers.

James Campbell—First-class home for farmers; wouldn't go back to Ontario if I could get my old farm for nothing; advise my friends by all means to come and settle here. Come one and all; there's plenty of room.

Walter Ross—This is the best place farmers can come to. It is superior in many respects to my former home. I have advised my friends to settle here.

R. Rollins—Very good country for farmers; compares favorably with former home.

James O. Fraser—Just the place for farmers; compares favorably with my former home; advise friends to come.

James Findlay—The Northwest will be the farmers' paradise when the Hudson Bay is completed; compares favorably with my former homes, with the exception of the long winters; I certainly advise my friends to come to this country and to every man who has not a farm of his own, or who rents, or has one heavily mortgaged, would say—this is the poor man's home.

William McFarlane (Silver Creek)—This is the best country I have seen west of Portage la Prairie; it would be fully equal to my former home if we had a railway; those of my friends who are not already in good circumstances at home, I advise to come here; but if a man is well circumstanced in any country he is foolish to change.

John Affleck—Good country for farmers; superior to former home; if my friends can get land here I say come.

J. Rutherford—A farmer can make a much easier home here than in any other country; I much prefer it to Ontario, and, of course I advise my friends to come here.

Robert Nelson (of Birtle)—If we get railroads and reasonable freight rates to this section, it will be a good home for farmers. It is not so good as my former home as yet. It costs more to live, produce is sold too low, and we have not as yet a steady market; I do not advise my friends who are doing reasonably well at home to come here; I am supposed to have done as well as most people as a farmer, and I find that I could not have made ends meet sometimes.

W. J. Brown—I highly recommend the Northwest as a home for farmers; it is much better than my former home, therefore I advise my friends to come here.

John Stinson—This is one of the best countries in the world for farmers to make money fast without much labor; it is better than my former home and I would rather live here; to any of my friends desirous of making money I would say "come West," whether they have capital large or small.

A correspondent who doesn't sign his name, but who lives on 24, 3, 12, says—This country is unequalled for growing grain; it is healthier than where I came from.

Thos. Oliver—Excellent country for farmers; I like it better than my old home; advise friends to come.

James Agnew—This is the best country I ever lived in; would advise friends to come here.

Thomas Carter—Really and truly this is the country for farmers; compared with my former home, I make double the profit here with half the labor. All—men, women and children—who want a good time I advise to come here; the lazy because they must work some or starve, and the weary, because they can rest betimes.

W. R. Sutherland—Good country for farmers; advise every one to come.

W. F. Scarth—This is the best country in the world for farmers; it is far superior to my former home; advise my friends by all means to come here.

Henry Proctor—This would be a good country with farmers, with some improvements; friends who have the means to commence farming here I advise to come.

T. B. White—I think a person could make a good home here in a few years, and especially in Southern Manitoba, it compares favorably with my old home; friends who are not well-to-do in other countries I would strongly advise to come here.

J. A. Millan—There is no better country than this for farmers; it is 500 per cent. better than by former home; strongly advise friends to come.

Joseph Daniels—There could not be a better home for farmers than this; compares more than favorably with my former home; I know of no place better suited for a farmer.

Kenneth McKenzie, ex-M.P.P.—This is the best country I know of for farmers; it yields better and is worked easier than my old farm in Ontario; certainly advise friends to come here.

John McMullen—This is a very good country for farmers willing to work ; the chances are better if a person can keep out of debt for a few years ; to any friends who have no home in Ontario before purchasing one, I say come to Manitoba ; but if they have a good home stay where they are.

Stephen Thompson—This is a good country for farmers; infinitely better than the backwoods of Ontario ; anyone who does not own good land in Ontario should come here.

R. Rollins—This is a good country for farmers, but, as compared with former home, is not nearly so convenient.

John McIvor—This is a good country for farmers, and will become as it gets settled; it is better than my former home; any man can make a good home here that likes to; advise friends to come.

Martin Shipley—It would be difficult to find a better place than this for farming and stock raising; it is much better than my former home; people who intend leaving their home I would by all means advise to come here.

W. Chamber—This is the best country in the world for farmers if we could get markets, otherwise it is no good.

John Lapointe—Good country for farmers; don't compare bad with former home. If men have good homes elsewhere they had better stay there, are if not, this is the place to come.

James Rowson—Excellent country; better home than in Ontario; most decidedly advise friends to come.

David Dick—This country can't be beat; equal to old home; certainly advise friends to come.

Edward Cook—This country is all that I could desire; better in every respect than former home; advise friends to come.

G. Hunt—This is a good country; better than where I came from; yes, I advise friends to come.

John Loyal—To a young man starting in life, or for a farmer with a family of boys, this is the place. I was born in the county of Huron, near Hensall, on the London, Huron & Bruce railway, but could not have made there in a lifetime what I have here in a year; advise friends to come here unless they are in good circumstances abroad, and if so they are foolish to move.

William Cox—As a home for farmers, and those of limited means, this country can't be beat; advise my friends by all means to come here.

George W. Playfair—This is a first class home for farmers ; it is far better than my former home for farm purposes, advise friends to come.

John Mooney—This is the place; no comparison with my old home; advise friends to come if they have some cash.

Henry McQuade—Good country for farmers; fifty per cent. better than my former home; advise people to come.

W. G. Alcock—This is the best country in the world for a man of energy and push; I like it much better than in Ontario; for thirteen years I have been advising my friends to come here. In fact I have been a regular self-constituted immigration agent for that length of time; and scores of my friends have come and are happy and contented. And still there are millions of acres of the richest soil in the world lying waiting to be tickled by the plow to yield a golden harvest.

W. H. Davis—As a home for farmers this country is generally good; compares favorably with my former home, as much as a new country could be expected to compare with an old one; people who have from \$1,000 to \$3,000, and especially if they have sons, cannot do better than to come here.

R. G. Wilson—Excellent home for farmers.

James H. Wood—This is just the place for farmers; far ahead of my former home; advise my friends by all means to come here.

Hugh Lockhart—Excellent home for farmers; prefer it to my old home; advise friends by all means to come here.

James Airth—Good for farmers and cattle; those who have no homes should come here.

Matthew Owens—This is the best country in North America as a home for farmers, the soil is so good; there is comfort here after a man gets a start for a year or two; everybody who wants a home I advise them to come here; they can make a living at farming here easier than any other part of the world.

John Greenway—This country is second to none; climate far preferable to old home; agriculturists should come here.

Donald Shaw—This would be a good country for farmers if we were free men; it is the best home ever I had.

James E. Parr—Good country for farmers; better than my former home; advise friends to come.

William Drewer—Any person who cannot live here cannot live anywhere; have advised my friends to come.

Charles Wright—This will be a good country for farmers as soon as we have better railway communication and markets; do not advise my friends to come or stay away.

William Thompson—This is a first class country for those who like to work; I think ten times of it more than I do of Ontario; I could not think of going back there to live; I advise friends by all means to come here if they want to make a good living and a good home for themselves and family.

Richard B. Kirchhoffer—This is a splendid country for farmers; compares favorably with former home; there are not as many comforts; but a better chance of making a living; most certainly would advise my friends to come.

William Matheson—Country can't be beat; my former home was in Bruce County, Ont.; but the climate here is much superior, and I can earn better wages; advise my friends to come.

Philip Dickson—Good country for farmers; better than old home; advise friends to come who have sufficient funds to give them a start.

Nelson Brown—Good home for farmers; better than my former home; as far as climate and soil are concerned I would advise my friends to come.

William Howey—Farmers can't do better than come to the Northwest, especially if they have a little money to start with; if not, let them come, as I did, and work for a start; we cannot expect all the advantages and conveniences of our old homes in this new country; compares favorably with former home; most certainly advise friends to come.

W. L. Horn—I am well pleased with the country; the weather is more steady here than at my old home. I would have all my friends here.

John Leask—Excellent country; compares favorably with former home; would most certainly advise friends to come here.

John A. Brondgeest—Without exception the best country I have been in; there is no comparison with my former home, this country is so much superior; most certainly advise friends to invest and settle here.

Robert M. Coburn—There is no better country; far superior in some respects to my former home, but inferior in others; if my friends had to depend on their hands for a living I would advise them to come here, but if they have comfortable homes where they are, free from encumbrances, I would not advise them to sell out and come.

Alex. Adams—The country is good in every way; better than former home; certainly advise friends to come.

George McGill—The first settlement was no tougher than I expected; I would not advise old people and those who have comfortable homes and are out of debt to come here; but a friend who was in debt and had a family of sons and daughters to provide for, I would advise to sell out, and after enduring some ups and downs, would better his circumstances by coming here.

Hugh Blain—Good country, not so many luxuries as in former home, but better health; friends not doing well where they are, would do well here.

Robert Reesor, Moose Jaw—The country can't be beat in the world. Lands here compare favorably in quality with any lands in Ontario. Any friends who want to better their condition I advise to come here.

Alexander Kelso—Good. A great deal better than former home for a man with moderate means. Would advise friends to settle here (Rosberry) which are enjoyed by very few parts of the province, such as good wood, good water, and fish for the catching.

Thomas Kennedy—Good on the whole. Much better than former home for a man of limited means with a large family of boys, but a man in good circumstances in Ontario had better remain there, as church and school privileges are poor here as yet. To people in older countries in good circumstances I would say, stay there; if not, come here.

George Miller—First class in every respect. Would recommend country to friends.

J. Chester—Very good. Compares favorably with former home. Would advise friends to come if they can get land.

G. Webb—Could not be better. Far superior to former home; would advise friends to come by all means.

W. D. Ruttan—Very good, notwithstanding the drawbacks.

William Warnock—First class, if we get reasonable rates on grain from the railroad companies. Compares favorably with former home. Have always advised my friends to settle here.

R. J. Warren—A more desirable place for farmers cannot be found. Far ahead of my former home, Niagara Falls, Ont. Would advise friends to settle here especially in Southern Manitoba.

R. H. Cole—Favorable. It would depend on circumstances as to whether I would advise

my friends to come. There are no homesteads here (Linthratten), but plenty of land is to be had from speculators.

T. H. Metcalf—Can do well here and live very comfortably. Compares very well with my former home, only that we are scattered, and have not the same opportunities for friendly intercourse; would advise my friends to come by all means, if inclined to work; no place for doing nothing folks.

John M. Lawrie—I consider it first class; equally as good as former home; would advise friends to settle here.

R. R. Ross—Good. I would advise no one to come here, believing that each should make their own choice. But myself I prefer Manitoba, and this section of the country (Russell) in particular.

Andrew Malcolm—There is no country I know of offers better inducements for farming than this. In some it is inferior to my former home, but in others superior. On the whole, I consider it equal. Any one desirous of obtaining more land for their family, or who are laboring under the weight of a mortgage, I would certainly recommend to come here. If a man is able and willing to work, there is no danger but he will get along here.

Wm. McKittrick—I have a favorable opinion of the country, and of Southern Manitoba particularly. It is somewhat similar in climate to the Ottawa district, where I was raised. Would advise young men with moderate means to come here.

James Murdoch, Preston, raised last year 500 bushels of oats, 900 bushels of barley, 200 bushels of potatoes, besides a quantity of carrots, turnips, mangolds, cabbages, etc. The average yield of cereals to the acre is: Wheat, 35; oats, 60; barley, 50.

John E. Laughton, Shoal Lake county, has 320 acres, 38 of which he has broken. He has a log house and log stable, and has resided in the country for four years. Complains of the want of a ready market. Believes this to be a very desirable country for farmers with a small capital, say from \$800 to \$1,000. Has tried growing apple trees from the seed and succeeded very well, but during the past season mice girdled all the trees, some of which had attained a growth of three feet in three years.

Samuel B Paul, Oakburn, describes the soil in his locality as being splendid and well adapted for both agricultural purposes and stock raising. There are sixty square miles of wood along the Riding Mountain. Believes that this country cannot be surpassed for farmers who are disposed to work and to adapt themselves to their new home.

R. D. Foley, of Pembina Crossing, has 320 acres, of which he has broken 100, and has put a house and three stables. If gardens were first protected from the high winds that prevail, by high shrubbery or timber, small fruits, such as plums, cherries, berries, currants, etc., might be grown successfully.

Peter Campbell, of Campbellville, thinks this is a good country for farmers who have some and are not afraid to work. The average yield is: Wheat, 30 bushels; oats, 60 bushels; barley 50 bushels; potatoes, 300.

John Eurnbull, of Cartwright, says the country is unsurpassed as a home for farmers. Fruit culture had not been successful with him.

William Garroch, of Manitoba village, thinks there is no better country than this for a farmer. In his vicinity the land is mostly timber—poplar and willow—and requires to be cleared.

John Moar, of Manitoba Village, does not know as to the possibilities of fruit culture, but in his section they have the wild strawberry, raspberry, cranberry, blueberry, etc. The country is healthy beyond doubt. Wants the lake lowered.

Donald McDonald and Charles McKay, of Manitoba Village, bear similar testimony.

Peter McIntyre, of 10, 5, has 320 acres, of which he has broken 75. He has a dwelling house 18x26, granary 18x24, barn 20x52, and has been here five years. Finds the climate to be cold, but dry and healthy.

C. V. Helliwell, of Nelson, has lived in the country for 12 years, has 320 acres, and has broken fifty. He has a house, stable and granary. Finds this to be "the best" country as a home for farmers. All cereals do well, corn not excepted, and roots than in Ontario. The land regulations are satisfactory. Thinks the Government should open their land in this part for homesteading. Would advise his friends to settle here.

N. D. Steele, tp. 20, r. 27, county of Russell, has 320 acres, has broken 20, and put up a house and stable. The Country is in many respects superior to Ontario and other Canadian provinces, and in a short time farmers can have comfortable homes. Average yield, wheat 35 bushels, oats 50 to 75 bushels. Old settlers say that parts of this district are better adapted to fruit culture than any other part of the country they have seen. As to the climate, "It is healthy. The summer season is delightful. It is very cold for a month or so in winter, but blizzards are unknown here." Would advise those of his friends who wish to follow farming to settle here.

The following table, compiled from the returns given above, will be of interest :

		AVERAGE YIELD, BUSHELS PER ACRE.		
		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
McGill, George.....	Souris.....	30	..	..
Adam, Alex.....	7, 7, 7.....	25	40	35
Brondgeest, J. A.....	4, 3, 21.....	32	55	45
Coulthard, —.....	Langvale.....	30	68	..
Wilde, G. C.....	Morris County.....	22	50	40
Farmer, W. A.....	Headingley.....	30	60	50
Leash, John.....	.. ..	30	50	40
Reiser, W. D.....	Hamilton County.....	30	60	..
Horn, Wilfred Louis.....	Clear Springs.....	20	45	40
Howey, Wm.....	Birtle.....	25	40	30
Brown, Nelson.....	High Bluff.....	27	60	30
Jackson, Philip.....	Brandon.....	26½	60	..
Kirchoffer, R. B.....	Near Brandon.....	..	64	70
McGhee, James.....	Blake Westborne.....	17	..	36
McIvor, John.....	Greenwood.....	30	60	40
Rollins, R.....	Rock Lake.....	25	60	40
Thompson, Stephen.....	Marquette Raised.....	24	50	40
Chaffield, George D.....	.. ..	35	40	..
Thompson, William.....	Miami.....	25	60	40
Wright, Charles.....	Beaconsfield.....	36	57	50
Driver, William.....	Nelson.....	25	40	25
Parr, James E.....	Crystal City.....	30	60	40
Shaw, Donald.....	Preston.....	40	70	60
Greenway, John.....	10, 2, 12.....	32	85	25
Owens, Matthew.....	High Bluff.....	25	45	34
Airth, James.....	Argyle.....	25	60	..
Alcock, W. G.....	Norfolk.....	33	75	50
Davis, W. H.....	Rock Lake.....	30	50	55
McQuade, Henry.....	Prairie Grove.....	44	60	..
Mooney, John.....	Millford.....	35	65	50
Playfair, —.....	Maringhurst, Rock Lake.....	35	60	40
A Correspondent.....	34, 3, 12.....	30	45	35
Stinson, John.....	Cypress.....	33	60	50
Brown, W. J.....	North Dufferin.....	25	50	30
Nelson, Robert.....	Birtle.....	22	40	30
Rutherford, John.....	Russell.....	40	70	50
Affleck, John.....	Clearwater.....	28	50	65
McFarlane, William.....	Silver Creek.....	30	60	50
Findlay, James.....	Shoal Lake County.....	30	60	35
Rollin, P.....	Crystal City.....	25	60	40
Ross, Walter R.....	Carman City.....	25	60	40
Cox, William.....	Millford.....	30	60	40
Loyal, John L.....	Gladstone.....	35	50	45
Hunt, George.....	Assiniboia.....	35	75	40
Cook, Edward.....	30, 15, 20.....	30	50	35
Dick, Edward.....	Moline.....	30	60	20
McCorquodale, —.....	Hamilton County.....	30	50	..
Rawson, James.....	Alexandria, S. Dufferin.....	33	70	..
Chambers, S. W.....	Birtle.....	25	50	35
Shipley, Martin.....	Victoria.....	30	45	30
Wood, James H.....	.. ..	30	40	..
McKenzie, ex-M. P. P.....	Burnside.....	32	65	45
McMillan, J. A.....	Woodlands.....	30	60	..
White, F. B.....	27, 3, 1.....	30	75	35
Scarth, W. F.....	Viriden.....	20
Hampdon, S. F.....	Rapid City.....	20	40	30
Sutherland, W. R.....	St. Andrews.....	25

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		AVERAGE YIELD. BUSHELS PER ACRE.		
		Wheat.	Oats.	Barley
Carther, Thomas	Woodlands	35	60	56
Oliver, Thomas	Burnside	30	50	30
Lawrence, Joseph	Clearwater	22	40	30
Campbell, James	North Dufferin	35	52	40
Naismith, Alex	Millford	35	65	..
Bartley, George	Birtle	25	50	35
Reesor, R.	Pilot Mound, Moose Jaw	35	80	..
McKitterick, —	Crystal City	26	50	30
Malcolm, —	Minnedosa	30	50	30
Ross, R. R.	Russell	25	40	35
Lawrie, John M.	Birtle	20	60	30
Metcalf, T. H.		37	55	35
Cole, R. H.	Linthraten	25	45	40
Warren, R. J.	Olive	28	65	45
Warnock, Wm.	Neepawa	25	50	40
Miller, George	Cook's Creek	28	47	33
Webb, G. J.	Rock Lake	30	70	60
Kennedy, Thos	Stoddartsville	25	40	40
Kelso, Alex.	Roseberry	30	40	40
Blair, Hugh	Minnedosa	..	50	..
Ruttan, W D.	Ruttanville	40

AVERAGE OF ABOVE.

Wheat	30 Bushels.
Oats	57 "
Barley	40 "



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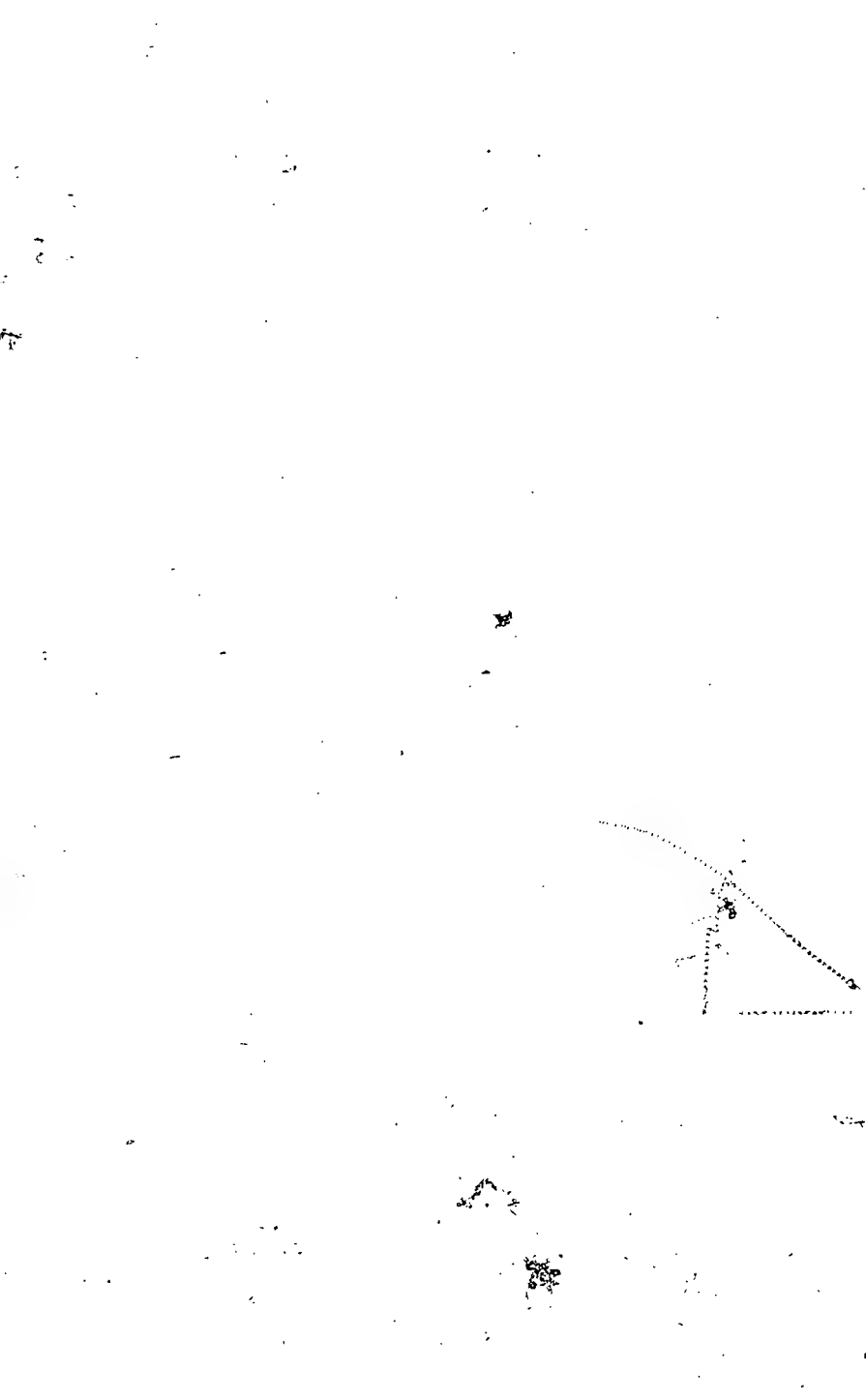
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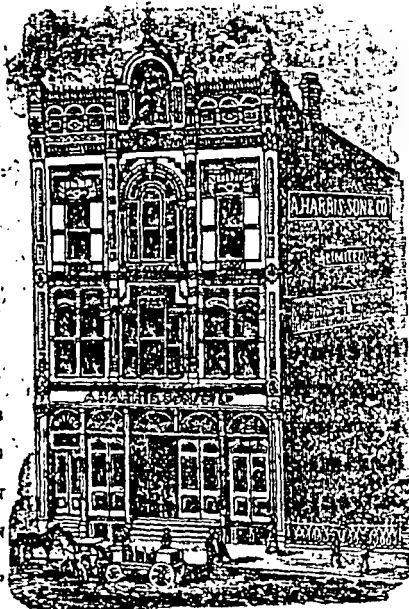
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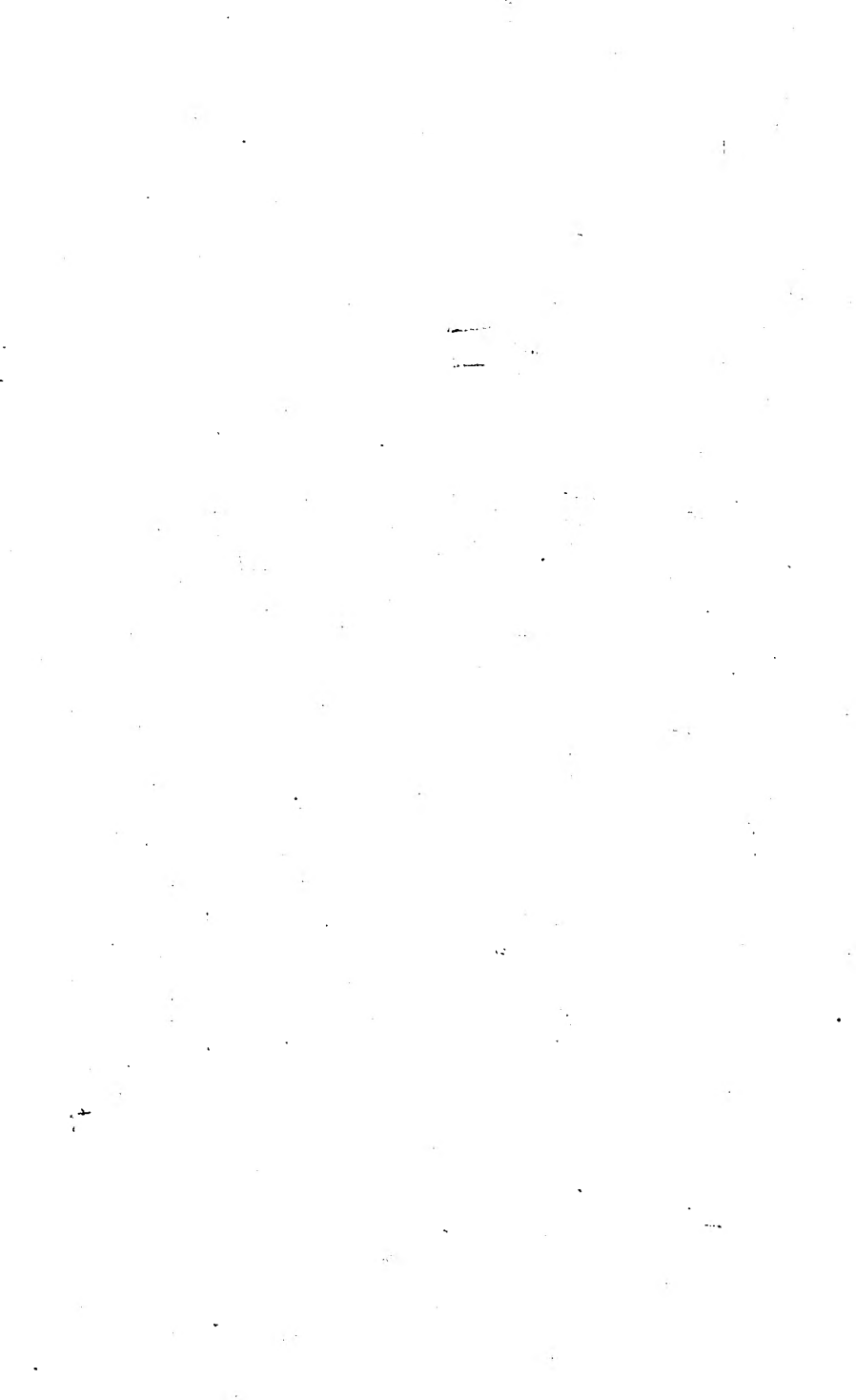
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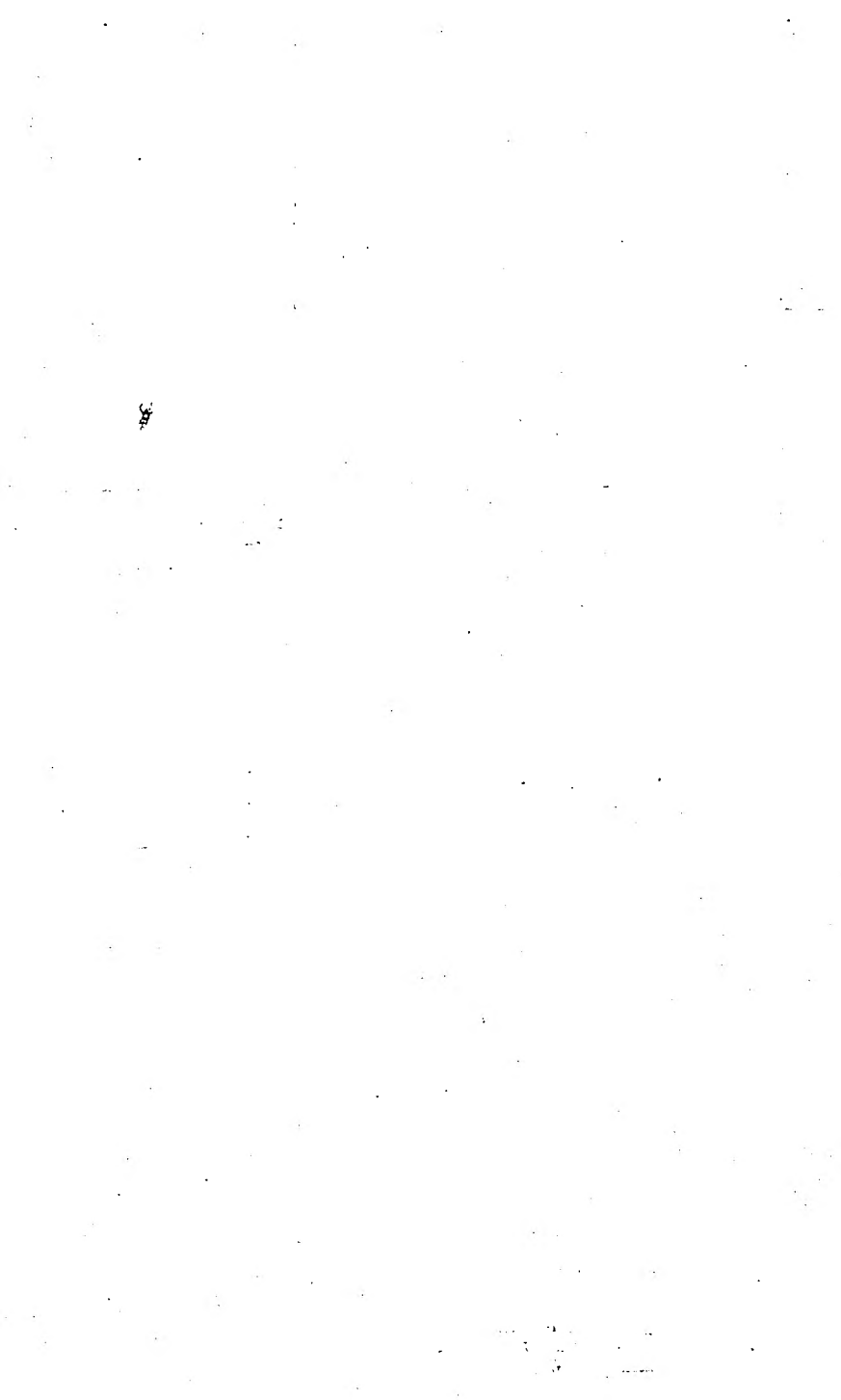
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